



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 80/15.1

Amends the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987. Changes the definition of "ocular pharmaceutical agents" to mean any pharmaceutical agent or other substance germane to the treatment of the eye or its adnexa, except oral steroids. Provides that oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors may be prescribed only in a quantity sufficient to provide treatment for up to 72 hours. Removes a provision concerning the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation notifying the Director of Public Health as to the categories of ocular pharmaceutical agents permitted for use by an optometrist.

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1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 is  
5 amended by changing Section 15.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 80/15.1)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)

8 Sec. 15.1. Diagnostic and therapeutic authority.

9 (a) For purposes of the Act, "ocular pharmaceutical agents"  
10 means any pharmaceutical agent or other substance germane to  
11 the treatment of the eye or its adnexa, except oral steroids.  
12 Oral ~~topical anesthetics, topical mydriatics, topical~~  
13 ~~eyeloplegics, topical miotics and mydriatic reversing agents,~~  
14 ~~anti infective agents, anti allergy agents, anti glaucoma~~  
15 ~~agents (except oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, which may~~  
16 ~~be prescribed only in a quantity sufficient to provide~~  
17 ~~treatment for up to 72 hours), anti inflammatory agents (except~~  
18 ~~oral steroids), over the counter agents, and analgesic agents.~~

19 (a-5) Ocular pharmaceutical agents administered by  
20 injection may be used only for the treatment of anaphylaxis.

21 (a-10) Oral pharmaceutical agents may be prescribed for a  
22 child under 5 years of age only in consultation with a  
23 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.

1 (a-15) The authority to prescribe a Schedule III, IV, or V  
2 controlled substance shall include only analgesic agents in a  
3 quantity sufficient to provide treatment for up to 72 hours.  
4 The prescription of a Schedule II controlled substance is  
5 prohibited.

6 (b) A licensed optometrist may remove superficial foreign  
7 bodies from the human eye and adnexa and may give orders for  
8 patient care to a nurse licensed to practice under Illinois  
9 law.

10 (c) An optometrist's license shall be revoked or suspended  
11 by the Department upon recommendation of the Board based upon  
12 either of the following causes:

13 (1) grave or repeated misuse of any ocular  
14 pharmaceutical agent; and

15 (2) the use of any agent or procedure in the course of  
16 optometric practice by an optometrist not properly  
17 authorized under this Act.

18 (d) ~~(Blank). The Secretary of Financial and Professional~~  
19 ~~Regulation shall notify the Director of Public Health as to the~~  
20 ~~categories of ocular pharmaceutical agents permitted for use by~~  
21 ~~an optometrist. The Director of Public Health shall in turn~~  
22 ~~notify every licensed pharmacist in the State of the categories~~  
23 ~~of ocular pharmaceutical agents that can be utilized and~~  
24 ~~prescribed by an optometrist.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 94-787, eff. 5-19-06; 95-242, eff. 1-1-08.)